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SUBJ: SEC VISIT LA: TOPICS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE AND
POSSIBLE ITEMS OF CONVERSATION

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1. IN CONVERSATION AND CONSULTATION WITH HIGH- LEVEL POLICY
OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DEVELOPED
FOR POSSIBLE COORDINATED PRESS STATEMENTS. THESE ARE INTENDED
AS SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMUNIQUE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
INDICATED THAT " COORDINATED PRESS STATEMENT" NEED NOT BE FORMAL
BUT MAY TAKE FORM OF EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS TO PRESS.

(A) PRESENT STATE OF U. S. - BRAZILIAN RELATIONS.

(B) COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND THE MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL
NEGOTIATIONS OF 1973. (GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE U. S. AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL' S
APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM WHICH DEFINES COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC
SECURITY IN TERMS OF MINIMUM FOOD SECURITY, MONITORING THE ANTI-
CIPATE CRISES, DISASTER RELIEF, SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, SPECIAL
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MEASURES FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED, CODES OF BEHAVIOR. THE U. S., HOWEVER, DOES NOT SEE ANY PRESENT NEED TO DEVELOP NEW INSTITUTIONS.)

(C) STRENGTHENING OF THE UN AND THE OAS. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT THE RECENT OAS GA AND THOSE OF FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA WERE COINCIDENT TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE.

(D) TERRORISM. (COMMENT: BRAZIL STANDS FOUR- SQUARE AGAINST TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION BUT TENDS TO EQUIVOCATE WHEN THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF AFFECTING THEIR RELATIONS WITH ARAB NATIONS.)

(E) U. S. - BRAZIL RELATIONS AND LATIN AMERICA. (COMMENT: WHILE RECOGNIZING A SUBSTANTIAL CONVERGENCE OF INTERESTS IN THE HEMISPHERE BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES, GOB IS SENSITIVE TO HISPANIC- AMERICAN ATTACKS THAT BRAZIL IS ESSENTIALLY A SURROGATE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE HEMISPHERE.)

2. FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE ON " IF ASKED" BASIS AND IT IS FOREIGN MINISTRY JUDGMENT THAT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE ASKED BY JOURNALISTS:

(A) LAW OF THE SEA. (COMMENT: AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE COULD BE A RECOGNITION OF THE DIFFERENCES OF POSITION BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE U. S. BUT NOTING THAT THIS TOPIC IS THE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH AN ULTIMATE DETERMINATION TO BE MADE AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.)

(B) CUBA. (COMMENT: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT PERIODIC ASSURANCES THAT US POLICY TOWARD CUBA IS NOT IN THE PROCESS OF MODIFICATION.)

(C) COFFEE. (COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT'S MOST RECENT INSTRUCTIONS STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO CONTINUE TO SEEK MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL ON MATTERS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COFFEE AND TO COOPERATE IN EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE, IN AS SHORT A TIME AS POSSIBLE, AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ADEQUATELY SERVE THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF COFFEE.

FYI: THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL HAVE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON THE SOLUBLE AGREEMENT. IF PRESSED FURTHER ON THIS MATTER, IT COULD BE ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THE DECISION OF THE GOB TO DENOUNCE THE AGREEMENT.)

(D) US RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF BRAZILIAN MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS. (COMMENT: CERTAIN ITEMS ARE BEING

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EXPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES AT LEVELS WHICH ARE DISRUPTING OUR MARKETS AND CREATING UNEMPLOYMENT. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS ON THESE COMMODITIES WHICH COULD PERMIT THE GROWTH OF EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES BUT WOULD PREVENT MARKET DISRUPTION.)

(E) PANAMA CANAL. (COMMENT: BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE IS AMBIVALENT SINCE US-- PANAMANIAN DIVERGENCIES WITH REGARD TO THE

CANAL COULD AFFECT BRAZILIAN TRADE INTERESTS IN SOME
DEGREE, BUT THERE IS RELUCTANCE TO ASSUME A PUBLIC
POSITION AGAINST AN HISPANIC- AMERICAN NATION.)
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